



## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 17, 2017

7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
  - a. CP Glenn
  - b. CM Gamatoria
  - c. CM Hitchings- Absent
  - d. CM Robertson
  - e. CM Martin
  - f. CW Worrell

(Recording Secretary was also absent. Minutes taken from the recordings. )
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Opening Prayer: Pastor Sarah Elliott, Hopewell United Methodist Church
5. Approval of the Minutes:
  - a. CM Worrell: Motion to approve - Council Meeting Minutes- July 3, 2017
    - i. 2nd: CW Martin
    - ii. Questions/Discussion: None
    - iii. Vote: 5-0, Approved
6. Recognitions: None
7. Proclamations: None
8. Presentations: Council President Glenn made a friendly amendment was made to add two presentations. No objections.
  - A. Presentation of Enterprise Zone: Mrs. Karen Holt and Jake Alder from Harford County Economic Development. Mr. Alder is asking for a Resolution of support for the proposed amendment to the Enterprise Zone. The Enterprise Zone will be expanding in the Perryman area.
  - B. Presentation: The history Tidewater Players: Mrs. Laurie Starkey. Mrs. Starkey presented a power point of the organizations mission statement, a historical timeline of the organization and their impact on the community.
9. Appointments: None
10. Oath of Office: None
11. Comments from Citizens on Agenda Items:
  - A. Kirk Smith: Is asking for consideration for the Community Gardens to use Hutchins Park.
  - B. Danielle Thomas, President Elect of the HDG Green Team also introduced herself. The Green Team supports the single stream recycling initiative.
12. Resolutions:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE AND CITY CHARTER SECTION 34 SUPPORTING THE AMENDMENT TO THE ENTERPRISE ZONE DESIGNATION WITH THE ADDITION OF FOUR PROPERTIES RESULTING IN A ONE POINT TWO (1.2) PERCENT INCREASE IN THE EXISTING ZONE, WHICH IS CURRENTLY 9,606 ACRES.

A motion was made by Council Member Robertson and seconded by Council Member Worrell to introduce Resolution 2017-06; motion carries 5-0.

After the header was read and assigned a number, a motion was made by Council Member Robertson and seconded by Council Member Worrell to adopt Resolution 2017-05; motion carries 5-0 with no objections.

A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND, PURSUANT TO SECTION 34 OF THE CITY CHARTER AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE HAVRE DE GRACE ALLIANCE, INC. TO OUTLINE THE COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE HAVRE DE GRACE ALLIANCE, INC.

A motion was made by Council President Glenn and seconded by Council Member Worrell to introduced Resolution 2017-06; motion carries 5-0

After the header was read and assigned a number, a motion was made by Council President Glenn and seconded by Council Member Martin to adopt Resolution 2017-06. Motion carries 5-0 with no objections.

**13. Ordinances:** None

**14. Old Business:** None

**15. New Business:** (Requests to use Hutchins Park Tent)

A motion was made by Council President Glenn and seconded by Council Member Robertson to approve APG the usage of Hutchins Park Tent for a team building and luncheon organizational day on August 24<sup>th</sup>: Motion carries 5-0

Discussion: Council Member Worrell was questioning the usage of tent as it pertains to local non-profits.

CP Glenn stated he supports APG using the tent as the City has a strong partnership with the organizations.

CM Gamatoria, a more depth look of a usage policy is recommended. We don't want the tent to become competitive with the wedding industry. Local organization's using tent as the ones approved tonight is favorable. Mayor stated the tent, considered free to citizens. The event application secures as a "reservation" to use

A motion was made by Council Member Robertson and seconded by Council Member Worrell to approve the HDG Community Gardens Picnic the usage of Hutchins Park Tent on August 19<sup>th</sup> from 4-7. Motion carries 5-0

A motion was made by Council Member Martin and seconded by Council Member Robertson to approve SHCO the usage of Hutchins Park Tent for a crab feast on Sept 9<sup>th</sup> from 3-8pm; motion carries 5-0

A motion was made by Council President Glenn and seconded by Council Member Martin to approve the HDG United Methodist Church the usage of Hutchins Park Tent on Sept 17 from noon-5. Motion carries 5-0



#### **16. Directors Report:**

- a. Mr. Patrick Sypolt: Director of Administration  
Mr. Sypolt reviewed upcoming events primarily the Grand Opening of the Cultural Arts Center on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- b. Mr. Ben Martorana : Planning  
Mr. Martorana commented on the informal Q &A session on 7/20 sponsored by UCH at the HDG Library.
- c. Mrs. Erika Quesenbery Sturgill: Economic Development: Absent, however Mr. Sypolt announced on her behalf new businesses and grand openings that are happening in our downtown.
- d. Mr. George DeHority: Finance  
The auditors will be present in City Hall at the end of the month.  
Mr. DeHority suggested to citizens to use the payment center on our website.
- e. Mr. Tim Whittie: Public Works  
Mr. Whittie stated recycling issues are being worked out with Waste Industries. Reminded citizens to clearly identify recycling cans.  
BGE continues to work in certain areas in our City. BGE will be repairing areas and potholes in our area.  
Commends DPW employees for their work on the water main break and sink hole. Employees were on site 14 hours without much of break.
- f. Teresa Walter: Chief of Police:  
National Night Out will be held on August 1, 2017.

#### **17. Business from Mayor Martin**

Mayor Martin was out of town last week and is glad to be back. His message this evening was "be nice". Thanked the Administration and Council President for being support while he was absent.

#### **18. Business from Council:**

- a. Council Member Gamatoria:  
Has had several inquiries on recycling.  
Commended DPW on the water main break and how nice it was to see the DPW Director on site with the employees. Feels Tim is leading by example.  
Opera House- commends the website and the user friendly design.  
Commends Robert Buden and the Art Emporium that is in his building.  
Thanked the Chief for the safety she and her department provided during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.
- b. Council Member Hitchings: Absent
- c. Council Member Worrell:  
DPW Council Committee will meet this Friday.  
Arts Commission will provide Concerts in the Park.  
Commends DPW for the commitment and dedication during the water main break.  
Thanked Tidewater Players for their presentation this evening.
- d. Council Member Robertson:  
Next Friday 7/28 Budget and Finance meeting scheduled for 4:30
- e. Council Member D. Martin :  
Also thanked DPW for the repair of the water main break and thanked DPW for installing a Little Free Library.

**19. Business from Council President Glenn:**

Welcomed Woody Stark for filling in for April.

Attended many events over the last two weeks. Dedications, home building, Christmas in July at the Legion, Healthy Harford Event and other events.

Thanked the Chief of the Police and her department for working the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and keeping us safe.

Met with Johnny Boker on the Gold Star Monument and is looking forward to seeing this in our City.

Council President Glenn expressed his concerns with the traffic patterns at Ohio and Ontario St and how three letters were sent to the Governor along with SHA.

**20. Comments from Citizens**

A. Kevin Racine: 900 Erie Street: Was impressed with DPW and how they handled the water main break.

B. Tyler Buck: 355 Congress Ave; Mr. Buck reminded everyone that there is a Little Free Library located in the Lockhouse grounds.

**21. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Council President Glenn and seconded by Council Member Worrell to adjourn at 8:13 PM; motion carries 5-0.